HARBOURS

*752. [36]‡ **Sri. Sree V. Das:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Communications be pleased to answer the following questions.—

(*a*) how many of the harbours in Travancore-Cochin State are under the direct administration of the Union Government; which are they;

(*b*) apart from them, which others are having harbour facilities;

(*c*) have the Government prepared any scheme for improving the above small ports;

(*d*) if so, have the Union Government approved it;

(*e*) have the Government received any grant or loan from the Union Government for improving small ports;

(*f*) are there posibilities for improving small ports at Leepuram, Colachel and Vizhinjam;

(*g*) if there are, what steps have the Government taken so far regarding that?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

(*a*) The Port of Cochin only.

(*b*) 1. Alleppey
2. Quilon
3. Trivandrum
4. Colachel
5. Koilthottam
6. Munambam
7. Manakudy
8. Kovalam and
9. Rajakkamangalam

(*c*) Government have already sanctioned the construction of a new pier at Valiathurai, Trivandrum. Government are also considering the question of improving the Alleppey Pier. There are no schemes for the improvement of the other ports.

(*d*) The administration of minor ports is vested with the State Government. The question of approval by the Union Government does not, therefore, arise.

(*e*) No.

(*f*) and (*g*). The possibilities of developing small ports at Leepuram and Colachel have to be investigated. As regards Vizhinjam, there are posibilities for a major port with all-weather berths and dry-docks. But in view of the reconstruction of the Valiathura Pier, there does not appear to be any necessity for a port at Vizhinjam.

SOIL ANALYSIS

*753. [37] **Sri. N. P. Verghese:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state whether there is any arrangement in the University Research Department or Agricultural Department for soil analysis of the various types of soil in the State?

Chief Minister **[Sri. C. Kesavan]:** Yes.

ശ്രീ. എൻ. പി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: സയിൻറിഫിക് റിസർച്ചിനു് സായിൽ അനാലിസിസു് ഏവശ്യമുണ്ടോ?

ശ്രീ. സി. കേശവൻ: ഉണ്ടു്.

ശ്രീ. എൻ. പി. വർഗ്ഗീസ്: അതിൻറെ റിസൾട്ടു് പബ്ലിഷു് ചെയ്യിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

‡The Member being absent, the question was put by Sri. R. K. Ram, with the permission of the Chair.

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ശ്രീ. സി. കേശവൻ: അനാലിസിസ്സിന്റെ റിസൾട്ട് കംപ്ലീറ്റായിട്ടുണ്ട്. റിപ്പോർട്ട് കിട്ടിയിട്ടുണ്ട്. താമസിയാതെ പബ്ലിഷ് ചെയ്യും.

Mr. Speaker: Question time is over.

Written answers

PALAI—RAMANGALAM BUS SERVICE

*754. [38] **Sri. N. P. Verghese:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government is in receipt of representations from the people to sanction a bus service from Palai to Ramangalam via Koothattukulam;

(*b*) is it a fact that applications from bus owners for the Palai-Ramangalam bus route has been pending for more than a year with Government?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

SWAMPY AREAS IN FORESTS

*755. [39] **Sri. N. P. Verghese:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Forests be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total extent of the swampy areas in the Reserved Forest fit for paddy cultivation;

(*b*) have Government conducted any survey of such areas?

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai):**

(*a*) 3800 acres.

(*b*) A survey of about 1670 acres of occupied swamps has been conducted.

DRINKING WATER

*756. [41] **Sri. A. P. Udayabhanu:** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works be pleased to state.—

whether any representation has been received by him regarding the use of canoes fitted with water tanks for the distribution of drinking water in coastal areas?

Chief Minister **(Sri. C. Kesavan):**

Yes.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

*757. [42] **Sri. N. V. Chacko :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state :—

(*a*) how many new books were added to the Public Library at Ernakulam during 1950-51 and 1124 ;

(*b*) whether there is any provision for adding any new books to the Library at Ernakulam during 1950-51 ;

Minister for Education, Food and Labour **(Sri. T. K. Narayana Pillai) :**

(*a*) 243 books.

(*b*) Yes ; from the usual annual grant sanctioned to the Institution.

PUBLIC LIBRARY

*758. [43] **Sri. N. V. Chacko :** Will the Hon'ble Minister for Education be pleased to state what amount is set apart or intended to be set apart for purchasing new books in the Trivandrum Public Library?

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